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Expedited Procedure
Group No. 3671

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: F. BIOLLEY
Serial No.: 09/471,501
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For: HYBRID RISER OR PIPE FOR FLUID TRANSFER
Group Art Unit: 3671
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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May 27, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9, 11 and 17 as follows:

9) (five times amended) A pipe for great water depths allowing transfer of a fluid between a floating support and a point located below and at a distance from the water surface, characterized in that it comprises:

a continuously flexible riser part connected, at one end, to the point located below the surface, and